

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard, and Sarah Drickey

Others Present: Rob Milliken, Robin Milliken, Maria Pease, Laura Curtis, John Mountainland, Dale Flint, Elmer Savage, Joshua White, Adam Fuller, Mary Jane West, Sandra Savage, John Gibbons, and Brian Powers

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

Christine R. Savage was in attendance with her family. Greg Grotton presented her with the 2018-2019 Union Annual Report which is in dedication of her. Congratulations and much appreciation to Christine for her beloved devotion to the town of Union.

John Gibbons thanked the Select Board for inviting the Planning Board and Roger to discuss the ordinances.

4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, May 21, 2019:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, May June 4, 2019:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Vote on Removal of Farm Space on Map 014-Lot 014 as Assessors:

Motion by: Jim Justice to remove farm space in the amount of \$324.10.

2nd by: John Shepard

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7. Discussion on Land Use Changes with Planning Board:

The Planning Board and Town Attorney Roger Therriault were present to help answer any questions pertaining to the land use changes.

Discussion: John Gibbons had a question as to why the changes are being made. Roger Therriault stated that the reason he got involved was because several clauses within the land use code and subdivision ordinance, dealing with clusters, were contradictory. He wanted to be sure there was only one set of regulations dealing with clusters.

Roger read the letter of request by Gartley & Dorsky on behalf of Seaborn Builders Inc. Brian Powers from Seaborn Builders was present and stated that he owns land in Union. Brian went on to say that the review of the ordinances was initiated because of his interest in developing his property in Union; Gartley & Dorsky were working on his behalf. He consulted with the town and the Planning Board to rectify the inconsistencies.

Maria Pease stated that she concurs with Mr. Powers and his statement was an accurate description of the events that took place. Maria reassured that the proper channels were taken to accurately resolve the inconsistencies.

John Gibbons asked why the standards were changed for street design. Roger answered by stating that the volume standard is a more accurate standard, with the prediction of future traffic volume.

Mary Jane West stated that the wording is not clear in the subdivision ordinance pertaining to road grade and feels that the language would not hold up in court. She pointed out the wording within the asterisks. Maria clarified that the asterisks pertain to the radius.

Both Sarah and John feel that there needs to be clarification pertaining to the asterisks. Maria agreed, and sees where an amendment should be made. As several issues relating to proper language and specifications were brought forth, Greg feels that the Planning Board has accomplished its due diligence in determining what should be best used as guidelines, and that the voters of the town will decide at public meeting, and feels the ordinance should move forward.

Motion by: Jim Justice to approve the land use and subdivision ordinance with change to the three asterisks.

2nd by: John Shepard

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8. Vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer cemetery mowing and common maintenance to PW payroll:

Indefinitely tabled.

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9. Town Manager's Report:

Streetlight project continues to move ahead.

Public Works update: Air quality test on TerraStar being done tomorrow. The other two trucks have approximate price repair tags of \$15,000 and \$17,000. Jay is hopeful that the backhoe will be finished with repairs by the end of the week. Still no report from the engineer. The adjuster is supposed to have something in writing very soon.

Mowing is going well. The Board will need to make the determination this Fall as to whether to have the PW employees do the work or recruit inmates from Warren.

Town Reports will go out in the mail either Thursday or Friday.

June 11 – Elections

June 17 – Town Meeting

June 18 – Selectmen Meeting

Intern Patrick is back working on cemetery projects.

Jay will attend the TRIO class on financial software in Bangor on Wednesday.

He will also be attending the Public Works show Thursday in Skowhegan; he will be looking for a PW replacement truck.

10. Other Business:

Sarah has started a spreadsheet for the solar presentations and quotes. She has also started to research recycling of the panels. Jay stated he will be putting all three packages together for the board come August.

11. Selectmen's Report:

12. Future Agenda Items:

Jim Justice feels that an electronic sign in front of the town office would be extremely beneficial for the town. He feels it will help keep people informed and help increase attendance at all meetings. Jay stated it is on the warrant, and it will need to be discussed at town meeting.

13. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary